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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
 County of Los Angeles  
 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT**

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,218	69%	1,991	33%
Analyzed SAKs	1,871	31%	4,098	67%
<b>Total SAKs</b>	<b>6,089</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,089</b>	<b>100%</b>

As of April 27, 2010, a total of 3,766 untested SAKs (89 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of April, a total of 529 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	1036	58%
Negative Biological Material Screen	757	42%
<b>Total Results Received</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	83	8%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	301	29%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	256	25%
Uploaded to CODIS	396	38%
<b>Total Positive Biological Material Screen</b>	<b>1036</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the eight current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through April 2010

<b>Month</b>	<b>\$2.3 Million Allocation</b>	<b>DNA Backlog Reduction Grants</b>	<b>Prop. 69</b>	<b>Unit Budget</b>	<b>Monthly Totals</b>
<b>September</b>	\$0	\$302,172	\$16,599	\$18,923	<b>\$337,694</b>
<b>October</b>	\$150	\$201,770	\$9,964	\$22,610	<b>\$234,494</b>
<b>November</b>	\$65,201	\$73,880	\$0	\$50,592	<b>\$189,673</b>
<b>December</b>	\$10,900	\$159,305	\$0	\$0	<b>\$170,205</b>
<b>January</b>	\$6,900	\$148,469	\$0	\$5,159	<b>\$160,528</b>
<b>February</b>	\$2,616	\$47,852	\$0	\$9,811	<b>\$60,279</b>
<b>March</b>	\$57,241	\$199,003	\$0	\$32,837	<b>\$289,081</b>
<b>April</b>	\$0	\$260,172	\$0	\$0	<b>\$260,172</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$143,008</b>	<b>\$1,392,623</b>	<b>\$26,563</b>	<b>\$139,932</b>	<b>\$1,702,126</b>

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from the current certification list. One individual has begun employment as a criminalist and

the other selections are undergoing background investigations. The final selection interviews for the supervising criminalist position are in progress.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. For the month of April 2010, a total of 20 SAKs were outsourced to the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 599 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	158	47	205
Pending Assignment	10	384	394
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>599</b>

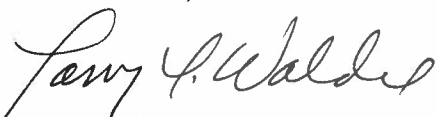
Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 149 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 149 cases, 96 are currently under investigation. Fifty-three cases are closed: 7 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 1 Non-Detained petition (minor subject) was filed, 32 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 11 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. One case was referred to another law enforcement agency.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345 4301.

Sincerely,

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